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30 JUL 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SA/D/BGI

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Request for Permission to Release OBGI Report
on Soviet Railroad [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: [REDACTED]

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1. Permission is requested to pass the following OBGI report

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Soviet Union Pushes Construction of Second
Trans-Siberian Railroad (BGI RP 75-1) July
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2. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] In view of
this, it is believed that the passage of this report will result
in a net benefit to the U.S.

3. If permission to pass this report is approved, please
provide us with (1) sanitized copy.

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25 April 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] Chief/Geog. Div./OBGI
512 Magazine Building

SUBJECT : Request for Geographic Study on Proposed
Second Trans-Siberian Railway

In order to get a better idea of the Soviet-Japanese interplay on Siberian resource development--in particular the Soviet effort to secure Japanese help in building the second Trans-Sib--we would like OBGI to prepare a geographic study of this railway project.

To be of maximum value to OCI, the study might include a map showing the railway's alignment (known or estimated) and the location of major mineral and timber projects in the region. An accompanying text might provide some explanations for the route chosen by the Soviets especially in terms of resource location and what we know of foreign interest in such resources. Any theories on strategic values vis-a-vis China would also be of interest, presumably to OSR and DIA as well as OCI.

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We have discussed the proposed report with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of your office and believe that they have a good idea of our needs regarding this intelligence problem.

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The study would be of greatest value if completed during the current round of Soviet-Japanese discussions on Siberian development, say, by early summer.

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[REDACTED]
Chief, East Asia-Pacific Division
Office of Current Intelligence

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Remarks: <p><i>Jim - This is the proposal I mentioned to you this morning. Your support for it would be useful and welcome.</i></p> <p><i>1-4 I also support this report</i></p> <p><i>Bess - pls. bring me up to date on this. Deal.</i></p>					
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SUBJECT Proposed Northern Line of Transiberian Railroad		PROJECT NUMBER PN 64.2717 SUBJECT CODE	
REQUESTER Self-initiated		REQUESTING OFFICE	
STATEMENT OF PROBLEM The Soviets have recently suggested to the Japanese that the Japanese should participate in the construction of a rail line across Siberia to the north of the existing Transiberian. The line would be used to transport oil, gas and coal to Japan, and the Tyumen-Nakhodka pipeline east of Irkutsk could then be dropped or relegated to a more distant future. Since the rail line would serve a variety of other purposes for the Soviets besides hauling oil, they prefer it to the pipeline; the Japanese would probably prefer the pipeline since it would probably be less costly to construct and supply a greater volume of petroleum. We propose to produce a brief research paper indicating the alinement of the proposed rail line, the construction problems given the rugged terrain and difficult environment, and the implications of the project for both Japanese and Soviets.		TARGET DATE May 1974 ANALYST/BRANCH [REDACTED] GD/S EST. ANALYST MANHOURS 100	
COORDINATION REQUIRED FROM CD/BI : None OTHER CIA: None NON-CIA : None		25X1A	
APPROVED [REDACTED] DIRECTOR OF BASIC INTELLIGENCE		Acting [REDACTED] CHIEF, Geography Division	
DATE 25 Apr 74		DATE 24 Apr 74	

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1. Title of report, study, or map: *SOVIET UNION PUSHING
CONSTRUCTION OF SECOND TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILROAD.*
2. Project No. and Report No. or Map No.: *BGI RP 75-1*
3. Classification, control, and exempt category: *SECRET*


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4. Name of classifier/analyst: 

5. Rationale for classification and exemption:

*DATA ON ^{THE} JAPANESE POSITION TOWARD ^{THE} RAILROAD
PROJECT AND ITS ECONOMIC-MILITARY-POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS
ARE OBTAINED FROM SECRET SOURCES. INFORMATION
ON THE UKHAL-DUKI RAIL SECTOR IS ALSO FROM A SECRET
SOURCE*

6. Sources used in report, study or map which have a bearing on classification and exemption:

- A. INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION CABLES (S)*
- B.  (S)*
- C. U.S.S.R. RAILROADS (MAP 1:1,600,000) (S)*

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